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FM AMEMBASSY LA PAZ

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 915

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EMIN, BL

SUBJ: TIN DISPOSAL PROGRAM: GOB FONOFF REACTION.

REFS: (A) STATE 179280; (B) LA PAZ 5537; (C) STATE 177698;  
(D) LA PAZ 5464.

1. IN THE MIDST OF THE MOST RECENT GOB CABINET CRISIS (LA PAZ 5537), BUT ACTING ASAP UPON RECEIPT OF REF C, EMBASSY TOLD ERWIN ORTIZ OF GOB FONOFF'S ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 7, THAT GOB'S AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON VALENCIA WAS BEING INFORMED OF GSA'S INTERIM TIN DISPOSAL PROGRAM.

2. PROGRAM, AS DESCRIBED REF C, WAS DESCRIBED TO ORTIZ AT SOME LENGTH. PROGRAM'S INTERIM NATURE, AS WELL AS INEVITABILITY, WAS STRESSED. BANZER'S OPPORTUNITY DURING STATE VISIT MID-OCTOBER TO DISCUSS ENTIRE MATTER WITH PRESIDENT NIXON WAS EMPHASIZED. EMBOFF'S PRESENTATION WAS DEVELOPED ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: THAT GSA'S TIN DISPOSAL PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO MODERATE RAW MATERIAL PRICES TO HELP CONTROL WORLD-WIDE INFLATION, THAT IT IS IN NO ONE'S INTEREST THAT TIN PRICES GO SO HIGH AS TO INDUCE SUBSTITUTION, THAT GSA SALES TO DATE HAVE NOT DRAMATICALLY

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DEPRESSED TIN MARKET AND THAT (FOR REASONS CITED REF C) IT

IS NOT IN USG'S INTEREST THAT TIN PRICES FALL PRECIPITOUSLY.

3. ORTIZ REACTED TO INTERIM PROGRAM CALMLY, SEEMED TO FIND SOME MERIT IN USG POSITION, TOOK NOTES AND SAID HE WOULD INFORM MINISTER'S OFFICE. NEITHER ORTIZ NOR EMBOFF RAISED QUESTION OF "QUANTITATIVE OUTSIDE LIMITATION". EMBASSY PRESENTATION WAS ENTIRELY ORAL.

4. ASSUMING APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT, EMBASSY PROPOSES TO HOLD GIST OF PARA 3, REF A IN RESERVE FOR NEXT ROUND OF CONVERSATIONS ON TIN DISPOSAL.

5. AS OF COB SEPTEMBER 11, NO REACTION TO INTERIM PROGRAM HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM GOB NOR HAS LOCAL PRESS CARRIED ANNOUNCEMENT. BREWIN

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